

Poison Safety



There are things you can do to keep your child safe. Please use this flyer to help you remember what to do.

- Read product labels to find out what can poison kids. Keep all poison and medicine out of sight and reach of kids.
- Keep the poison control hotline number (800-222-1222) and emergency numbers by every phone.
- Find out if your family is at risk from lead-based paint.
- Install CO detectors and change batteries regularly.

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-  Lock up poisons out of sight and reach of kids. They include makeup, medicine, plants, cleaning products, pesticides, art supplies and beer, wine and liquor.
-  Read labels to find out what is poisonous. Know which plants in and around your home can be poisonous.
-  Never leave poisons where kids can reach them, even for a second.
-  Buy child-resistant packages when available.
-  Keep products in their original, labeled packages to avoid confusion.

-  Never mix cleaning products.
-  Don't take medicine or vitamins in front of kids. Don't call them "candy."
-  Always read labels and follow directions when giving medicine to kids.
-  Keep the poison control hotline number, 800-222-1222, and local emergency numbers by every phone.
-  Tell grandparents and friends about these rules to avoid poisoning when visiting their homes.



Lead Paint and Carbon Monoxide

-  In homes built before 1978, test for lead-based paint. If it's there, cover it with a sealant or get professional help. Also get kids tested for lead exposure.

-  Install carbon monoxide alarms in all bedrooms and all levels of the home.



-  Check the batteries in carbon monoxide alarms every month.
-  If the alarm sounds, leave immediately. Call for help from a neighbor's home.
-  Have heaters, furnaces, fireplaces and wood-burning stoves checked for safety every fall.

If a Child Is Poisoned

-  Call 911 if a child is choking, can't breathe or is having a seizure. Otherwise take the product to the phone and call the poison control hotline, 800-222-1222.
-  Follow the operator's instructions. Don't make the child vomit or give him anything to drink unless directed.

